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THE JEFFERSON FAMILY OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

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In number 3 of Vol. XXII., in an account of the Allen family, mention is made of the marriage of Elizabeth Allen to Field Jefferson, mother of Col. Peter Jefferson, of Albemarle. Field Jefferson's will, dated 1762, is filed at Mecklenburg Courthouse, and in it he names four sons, viz.: Thomas, Peter Field, George and John.

George Jefferson patented large bodies of land in Pittsylvania County, a part of which he later sold to his brother Peter Field.

In the first lists of tithables taken in Pittsylvania County we find,

"List of Tithables taken by George Jefferson in Pittsylvania County, Camden Parish, Year 1767."

In list occurs following items:

"George Jefferson (Mecklenburg)

John Davis, Overseer, and negroes (towit),	Tithes	Land Acres.
Sam, Chance, Pompey, Phillis, Pal and Sary	7	8000

In May, 1774, George Jefferson, of Lunenburg, sells to Peter Field Jefferson, of Mecklenburg, for £120, 409 acres on Turkey Cock Creek, Pittsylvania Co.

For £60, 321 acres on Sailor's Creek, Pittsylvania co.

For £500, 1005 acres on Turkey Cock Creek, Pittsylvania.

Again in 1776, he sells him 140 acres in Pittsylvania. Peter Field Jefferson must have soon after this removed to Pittsylvania County to live, for in 1779 we find him selling 380 acres for £350 to Elisha Walker, and in the deed giving his place of residence as Pittsylvania County. There is no will of Peter Field Jefferson recorded in Pittsylvania, but there is one of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Jefferson, dated 1828. In it she mentions

following children: Sons Field Jefferson, John Jefferson, Samuel A. Jefferson, Alexander Jefferson, Archer Jefferson, dec'd, and Thomas Jefferson, dec'd; daughters Patsy Brewer and Judith Jefferson. From the marriage Register we find that on Feb. 27, 1806, Thomas Jefferson married Elizabeth Ball. Feb. 20, 1808, Alexander Jefferson married Elizabeth Smith. Alexander Jefferson's will is dated 1837 and probated 1838.

A grandson of Alexander Jefferson, Col. David Alexander Jefferson, of Chatham, Virginia, is a prominent member of his family to-day.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY AND SOME OF ITS FAMILIES.

At the arrival of the first colonists at Jamestown in 1607 there was a tribe of Indians living on the south side of Potomac River at the entrance, called Wiccocomicos, having 130 fighting men. These Indians were small in statue, and quite a contrast to the giant Susquehannas, who occupied the country at the head of Chesapeake Bay. Adjoining the Wiccocomicos was a small tribe of thirty fighting men called Chickacoans. In 1634, when Leonard Calvert came with his settlers to St. Mary's, the Yeocomico tribe, who inhabited on the north side of the Potomac, being much harassed by the Susquehannas, sold Calvert's settlers their lands and moved across the river and settled in the district called after them Yeocomico, in what is now Westmoreland County, Va.

During the difficulties which ensued in Maryland between Calvert and William Claiborne, who had settled Kent Island, and regarded the charter of Maryland as a spoliation of the territory of Virginia and a usurpation of his rights, Chicacoan became a refuge and a rallying point for Protestants disaffected to the government of Lord Baltimore, who was a Catholic. A settlement grew up within the jurisdiction of Virginia, but separated by many miles of unbroken forest from the settlements on the Jamestown peninsula.